collection, FERC Form 6–Q, Quarterly Financial Report of Oil Pipeline Companies.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due April 8, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC13–10–000) by either of the following methods:
- eFiling at Commission’s Web Site: http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eFiling.asp

**Instructions:** All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinepireport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208–3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502–8659 for TTY.

**Docket:** Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502–8663, and fax at (202) 273–0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** FERC Form 6–Q (Quarterly Financial Report of Oil Pipeline Companies).

**OMB Control No.:** 1902–0206.

**Type of Request:** Three-year extension of the FERC Form 6–Q information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

**Abstract:** Under the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA), the Commission is authorized and empowered to make investigations and to collect and record data to the extent FERC may consider to be necessary or useful for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the ICA. FERC must ensure just and reasonable rates for transportation of crude oil and petroleum products by pipelines in interstate commerce.

The Commission uses the information collected by FERC Form 6–Q to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of the ICA to include the authority to prescribe rules and regulations concerning accounts, records and memoranda, as necessary or appropriate. Financial accounting and reporting provides necessary information concerning a company’s past performance and its future prospects. Without reliable financial statements prepared in accordance with the Commission’s Uniform System of Accounts and related regulations, the Commission would be unable to accurately determine the costs that relate to a particular time period, service, or line of business.

The Commission uses data from the FERC Form 6–Q to assist in: (1) Implementation of its financial audits and programs, (2) continuous review of the financial condition of regulated companies, (3) assessment of energy markets, (4) rate proceedings and economic analyses, and (5) research for use in litigation.

Financial information reported on the quarterly FERC Form 6–Q provides FERC, as well as customers, investors and others, an important tool to help identify emerging trends and issues affecting jurisdictional entities within the energy industry. It also provides timely disclosures of the impacts that new accounting standards, or changes in existing standards, have on jurisdictional entities, as well as the economic effects of significant transactions, events, and circumstances. The reporting of this information by jurisdictional entities assists the Commission in its analysis of profitability, efficiency, risk and in its overall monitoring.

**Type of Respondents:** Oil Pipelines.

**Estimate of Annual Burden:** The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

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The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is $4,882,500 [69,750 hours * $70/hour = $4,882,500].

**Comments:** Comments are invited on:
(1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility;
(2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
(3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Dated:** January 30, 2013.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**
Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP13–53–000]

**Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application**

Take notice that on January 18, 2013, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in Docket No. CP13–53–000, an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), to amend its certificate. **3**

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2 The Commission defines burden as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.
3 FY2013 Estimated Average Hourly Cost per FERC FTE, including salary + benefits.
of public convenience and necessity to authorize it to construct and operate facilities to offshore liquefied natural gas (LNG) at its Garner LNG storage facility (Garner Plant) for operational use throughout Northern’s system, liquefy and deliver LNG to third parties on an interruptible basis from its Garner Plant and approval of the associated tariff sheets, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Any questions regarding the applications should be directed to Michael T. Loeffler, Sr. Director, Certificates, Media and External Affairs, Northern Natural Gas Company, 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, or call 402–398–7103; or by calling Donna Martens, Senior Regulatory Analyst at 402–398–7138.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission’s rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission’s public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff’s issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission’s public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff’s FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission’s review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 7 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission’s rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentors will be placed on the Commission’s environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission’s environmental review process. Environmental commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission’s final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the “eFiling” link at http://www.ferc.gov. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 7 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at http://www.ferc.gov, using the “eLibrary” link and is available for review in the Commission’s Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an “eSubscription” link on the web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FEROntlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502−8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 20, 2013.

Dated: January 30, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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